[Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai]

(*e*) the number of days in Kumbhom, Meenom and Medom 1120 on which the number allotted was put on this route;

(*f*) whether the department has realised the great difficulty and hardship caused to the public by the frequent and sudden changes effected in the timings and number of buses; and

(*g*) whether there is an enquiry office or at least any officer at this stand to give information to the public as to these changes effected without notices or of fresh timings fixed for the day if not, will the department open an enquiry office here?

**MR. E. G. SALTER:** (*a*) District Inspector.

(*b*) Yes, subject to the condition that he may make slight changes to meet an emergent situation.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) 3.

(*e*) 16, 27, and 24 days respectively.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** With reference to answer to part (*b*) does it mean that he could cut short the number of buses every day?

**MR. E. G. SALTER:** No. Imagine a breakdown on the Nedumangad Trivandrum route. Does the honourable member suggest that the District Inspector should not be empowered to utilise a bus from another route?

**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** May I know whether the officer has any responsibility to cut short the buses that have been allotted, without notice?

**MR. E. G. SALTER:** Yes, in cases of necessity.

*Kodayar Project.*

200 ***MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI** (*Tovala cum Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has submitted any report to the Government with regard to improvements, extensions or additions to the Kodayar Project and the irrigation systems under it; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN** (*Ag. Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (1) Enlarging the capacity of the Pechipara Reservoir.

(2) Construction of a dam across Paralayar above the Puthen dam, popularly known as the Perunchani Reservoir Scheme.

(3) Scheme for tapping Hydro-Electric Power, utilising the drop occasioned during the passage of the channel from the reservoir to the plains.

(4) Improvements to the existing channel system.

(5) Constructing a weir at Thripparppu falls and aligning channels etc.

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**MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI**: May I know from the honourable member whether in case the benefit of the Nagercoil water supply is extended, some of the surrounding villages will not be benefited? In case a reservoir is constructed, will it not be sufficient to meet the demands? Will it be possible to replenish the reservoir from the Kodayar project?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN**: It might be possible, but there will be no water during summer.

*Neyyar Dam Scheme.*

201. ✻**MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Neyyar Dam Scheme has been investigated?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN**: Yes, a preliminary investigation has been made.

**MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN**: May I know whether any estimate has been prepared by Government?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN**: Yes, an estimate is under preparation.

*Junghar at Cheriappilli ferry in Parur.*

202. ✻**MR. E. K. MADHAVAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state the present condition of the junghar at Cheriappilli ferry in Parur taluk?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN**: The boats are leaky and hence arrangements have been made to replace them.

*Scarcity of water in the lands irrigated by Tovala Channel.*

203 ✻**MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that even before the breach in the Tovala Channel on 30-1-1945 there was scarcity of water in the lands irrigated by it?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN**: Yes.

*Drinking water supply to the rural parts.*

204 ✻**MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have any definite post-war reconstruction scheme for the supply of protected drinking water to the rural parts of the State; and

(*b*) if so, the details of the same?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN**:

(*a*) The matter is under consideration.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to item (*a*).

**MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI**: When can we expect the scheme to be ready?

**DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN**: It may take some time. We have not begun yet; it requires a survey.

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